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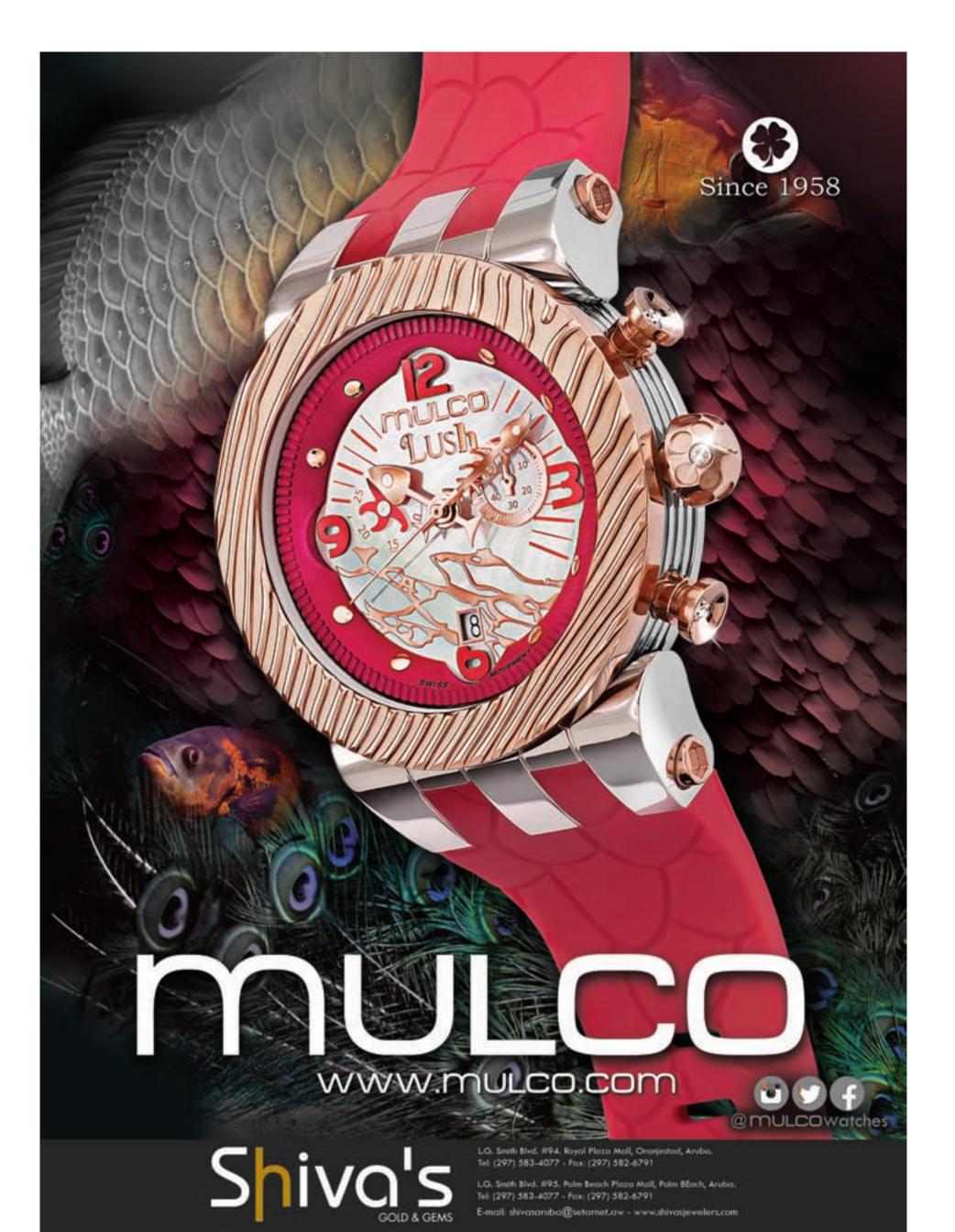
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AP investigation details perimeter breaches at U.S. airports

MARTHA MENDOZA JUSTIN PRITCHARD Associated Press

Several hundred times over the last decade, intruders have hopped fences, slipped past guardhouses, crashed their cars through gates or otherwise breached perimeter security at the busiest U.S. airports — sometimes even managing to climb aboard jets. One man tossed his bike over a fence and pedaled across a runway at Chicago O'Hare, stopping to knock on a terminal door. Another rammed sports-utility vehicle through a security gate at Philadelphia International and sped down a runway as a plane was about to land. At Los Angeles International, a mentally ill man hopped the fence eight times in less than a year twice reaching stairs that led to jets.

An Associated Press investigation found 268 perimeter breaches since 2004 at airports that together handle three-quarters of U.S. commercial passenger traffic. And that's an undercount, because two airports among the 31 that AP surveyed didn't have data for all years. Boston's Logan and the New York City grea's three main air-

ports refused to release any information, citing security concerns.

Until now, few of the incidents have been publicly reported. Most involved intruders who wanted to

highlight gaps in airport security in a post-9/11 world where passengers inside terminals face rigorous screening and even unsuccessful plots have prompted new procedures.

eter fencing, cameras and detection technology. Many airports have dozens of miles of fencing, but not all of that is frequently patrolled or always in view of security cameras.

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In this Friday, Jan. 23, 2015 photo, a security vehicle patrols the perimeter of the Los Angeles International Airport.

Associated Press

take a shortcut, were lost, disoriented, drunk or mentally unstable but seemingly harmless. A few had knives, and another was caught with a loaded handgun.

None of the incidents involved a terrorist plot, according to airport officials.

The lapses nevertheless

"This might be the next vulnerable area for terrorists as it becomes harder to get the bomb on the plane through the checkpoint," said airport security expert Jeff Price.

Since the Sept. 11, 2011 attacks, hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent to upgrade perim-

Airport officials insist perimeters are secure, and that an intruder being caught is proof their systems work. They declined to outline specific measures, other than to say they have layers that include fences, cameras and patrols. Employees are required to ask for proof of security clear-

ance if a badge is not obvious.

The AP's analysis was prompted by a breach last spring in which a 15-year-old boy climbed a fence at Mineta San Jose International Airport, hoisted himself into a jet's wheel well and survived an almost six-hour flight to Hawaii. He had wanted to go to Africa to see his mother.

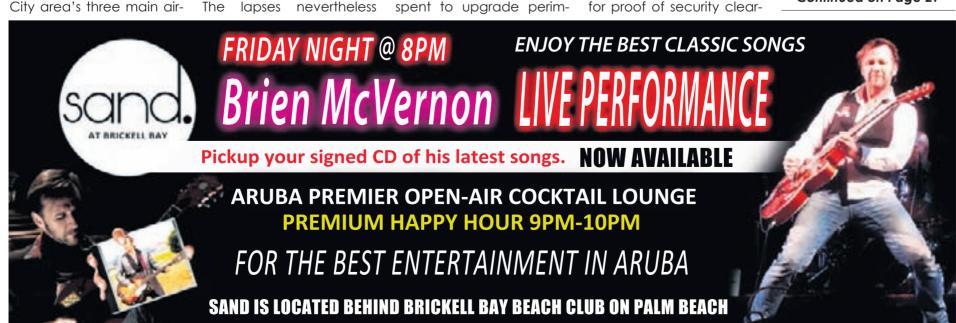
Afterward, an airport spokeswoman said breaches are more common than people realize. Through public records requests, news archive

searches and interviews, the AP created the most comprehensive public accounting of perimeter security breaches from January 2004 through January 2015 at the nation's 30 busiest airports, plus San Jose. Among the findings:

— At least 44 times, intruders made it to runways, taxiways or to the gate area where planes park to refuel or load passengers. In seven cases, they got onto jets.

 Seven international airports in four states accounted for more than half the breaches, although not all provided data for all years examined.

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Obama turns to diplomacy at Americas summit

JIM KUHNHENN **Associated Press** PANAMA CITY (AP) —

President Barack Obama sought Thursday to reassert U.S. influence in the Caribbean and the Americas with pledges of energy assistance and diplomatic fence mending.

Obama flew to Panama City for a summit of Western Hemisphere nations and a potentially historic encounter with Cuban President Raul Castro. He arrived after spending less than 24 hours in Kingston, Jamaica, where he met with Caribbean leaders and spoke at a town hall of young leaders.

His attendance at the Summit of the Americas comes in the midst of new diplomatic outreach to Cuba. For the first time, the U.S. did not object to a Castro attending the regional conclave. Obama will also attend a forum on civil society that will include dissidents and members of the Cuban political establishment. While in Panama, Obama also was to meet with Panamanian President Juan Carlos Varela and other Central American leaders. Attention at the summit will also focus on any interaction between Obama and Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro. The U.S. has objected to the Maduro government's imprisonment of dissidents and has slapped sanctions against seven Venezuelans it accuses of human rights violations. Maduro and his regional allies have characterized the sanctions as



President Barack Obama looks down at his notes during a bilateral meeting with Jamaican Prime Minister Portia Simpson-Miller at the Jamaica House, Thursday, April 9, 2015, in Kingston, Jamaica. **Associated Press**

acts of U.S. aggression. Obama was welcomed to Panama with a red carpet and an honor guard.

His travels come after a year spent devoting increased attention to the region by signing executive orders on immigration, seeking to slow the influx of and El Salvador's econom-Central American minors ic and crime troubles, for to the U.S. border, tussling with Venezuela over human rights and initiating a historic diplomatic opening with Cuba.

But Obama's efforts are sive than prices on the U.S.

limited, with his most ambitious one facing potential obstacles from the Republican-controlled Congress and his most recent immigration initiative stalled by court order. A \$1 billion spending initiative aimed at Honduras, Guatemala instance, requires congressional approval.

Still, punishing electricity costs that are as much as five times more expenmainland and a lack of energy security have long been major concerns in the scattered islands of the Caribbean. The sun-splashed, wind-swept region derives nearly all of its electricity from plants that burn imported oil and diesel.

Obama on Thursday announced a \$20 million effort to help jump start private and public sector investment in clean energy projects in the Caribbean and Central America.

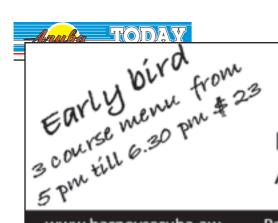
"If we can lower those costs

through the development of clean energy and increased energy efficiency we could unleash, I think, a whole host of additional investment and growth," Obama said.

Energy security on the import-dependent Jamaica is a growing concern with the wobbly economy of oil-dependent Venezuela, where the Petrocaribe trade program created by the late President Hugo Chavez has kept Jamaica and much of the region dependent on the South American country for energy.

Obama sought to tone down the confrontation with Venezuela in a written interview with EFE News before he arrives in Panama. "We do not believe that Venezuela poses a threat to the United States, nor does the United States threaten the Venezuelan government," Obama said, although he added that the U.S. remains "very troubled" by intimidation of political opponents and erosion of human rights in Venezuela. During his town hall meeting, the president highlighted a modest new initiative to support young leaders and entrepreneurs from the Caribbean and Central America, and professed a natural affinity for the island nation.

"I just like the vibe here," Obama said. "I was born on an island and it was warm, and so I feel right at home." He promised to come back for some island-hopping once he's out of office.



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Sanctions a big issue in nuclear talks

BRADLEY KLAPPER MATTHEW LEE Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The biggest enforcement provision in the preliminary nuclear agreement with Iran is turning into one of the mostly hotly contested elements. And the debate barely involves Iran.

Instead, it concerns the Obama administration's promise to quickly re-impose sanctions on Iran if the Islamic Republic cheats on any part of the agreement to limit its nuclear program to peaceful pursuits.

This would be relatively straightforward for the sanctions imposed by the U.S., as Congress is eager to keep the pressure on. But it is far from clear whether President Barack Obama can guarantee such action at the United Nations, which has imposed wide-ranging penalties that all U.N. members must enforce.

At present, there's no firm agreement to how or when to lift the sanctions in the first place. Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, and President Hassan Rouhani said Thursday they want all sanctions lifted on the first day of implementation. That's not the position of U.S. and other negotiators, a major issue that still must be worked out.

Assuming it can be, that still would leave the big question of possible re-imposition.

The disagreement on this issue is between the U.S. and its European allies on one side, and Russia and China on the other — all countries involved in the nuclear negotiations. And even though all six world powers and Iran agreed last week to the framework agreement that is supposed to be finalized by June 30, the "snapback" mechanism



In this April 2, 2105 file-pool photo, Secretary of State John
Kerry speaks at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, or
Ecole Polytechnique Federale De Lausanne, in Lausanne,
Switzerland after Iran nuclear program talks finished with
extended sessions.

Associated Press

for U.N. sanctions remains poorly defined and may prove unworkable.

"If Iran violates the deal, sanctions can be snapped back into place," Obama declared last week.

He went further this week, saying that restoring the international sanctions would not require consensus among U.N. Security Council members. And Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz, who helped seal last week's pact, insisted "no one country could block the snapback."

That assertion rests on an informal compromise reached at the talks in Lausanne, Switzerland, to bypass the typical U.N. Security Council process if Iran breaks the agreement. Normally in that body, any one of the five permanent members — the U.S., Britain, France, Russia and China, which are all party to the Iran negotiations — can veto resolutions.

But many questions remain, including what would happen if two or more countries object. Russia and China have traditionally opposed almost all U.N. sanctions measures, and, perhaps tellingly, neither country's foreign minister was present when the April 2 framework

was unveiled.

Washington and its negotiating partners plan to suspend or lift many sanctions after the U.N. nuclear agency confirms Iran has scaled back its activity in accordance with a final deal. But the U.S. and its European partners want the capacity to quickly reinstate the restrictions if Iran reneges.

The U.N. sanctions ban the transfer of nuclear and ballistic missile technology to Iran, freeze assets of companies and individuals involved in the country's uranium enrichment program, impose an arms embargo on Iran and sharply limit the international activities of Iranian banks. All are penalties the U.S. wants fully enforced if Iran doesn't comply with a final deal.

The Obama administration is tossing around different ideas to ensure it can snap back the U.N. sanctions, though there are problems with all of them.

One idea would put the burden on the U.N. Security Council. Rather than voting to re-impose sanctions, it would have to vote to stop the automatic re-imposition, officials said. Or, an extraordinary procedure could be created with the permanent, veto-holding

members voting by majority.

Russia and China are unlikely to accept any process that sees them sacrifice their veto power. And they could block any plan with Iran that would leave them powerless to stop majority votes by the U.S. and its European allies.

In each scenario and others, the final agreement will include "automaticity," the sense of sanctions returning automatically, a senior

U.S. official said. That official and the others weren't authorized to speak publicly on the deliberations and demanded anonymity.

In an interview with NPR Monday, Obama said the sanctions would be "triggered" when the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency identified a "very real problem" and a majority of countries involved agreed. But that process also is undefined — and slow.







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Police cruiser video shows moments before fatal shooting

JEFFREY COLLINS MICHAEL BIESECKER **Associated Press** NORTH CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AP) — The traffic stop starts like any other: An officer pulls over a motorist, walks up to the driver's side window and asks for license and registration. What happened minutes later appears to take place without any obvious sign of provocation or conflict that would lead to a fatal shooting: The driver opens the door and runs, and the officer chases after him.

Video released Thursday from the dashboard of white South Carolina police Officer Michael Thomas Slager's cruiser captures the very first moments he and black motorist Walter Scott meet, a benign encounter at its earliest stages. It changes quickly as Scott takes off running and the officer runs after him.

The video captures the moments leading up to a shooting death that has sparked outrage as the latest example of a white police officer killing an unarmed black man. The shooting itself was captured by an eyewitness on his iPhone and provided the impetus for the officer to be charged with murder and fired. That's a striking difference from the recent cases in Ferguson, Missouri, and New York City, where white officers were not charged in the deaths of African-Americans, prompting protests and intense debate about police treatment of minorities.

Questions remained in South Carolina over how



In this April 4, 2015, frame from dashboard video provided by the North Charleston Police Department, Patrolman Michael Thomas Slager stands by Walter Lamer Scott's car during a traffic stop in North Charleston, S.C. Associated Press

the traffic stop turned deadly. The onboard video provides a more complete picture of the encounter.

The shooting took place Saturday and the police and Slager's lawyer said the officer fired in self-defense during a scuffle over his department-issued stun gun. Within days, the eyewitness video surfaced and immediately changed perceptions of what happened, leading the police to charge Slager with murder and fire him from the force he'd worked on for five years.

The dashboard camera video shows Scott being pulled over in a used Mercedes-Benz he had purchased just days earlier. Police have said he was being stopped for a broken tail light. Slager is seen walking toward the driver's side window and heard asking for Scott's license and registration. Slager then returns to his cruiser. Next, the video shows Scott starting to get out of the car, his right hand raised above his head, then he quickly gets back into the car and closes the door. Seconds later, he opens the door again and takes off running. Within a city block or two, out of the dashboard camera's view,

Slager catches up to him in an empty lot.

A bystander noticed the confrontation and pushed record on his phone, capturing video that has outraged Americans: it shows Scott running away again, and Slager firing eight shots at his back.

There is almost nothing in Slager's police personnel file to suggest that his bosses considered him a rogue officer capable of murdering a man during a traffic stop. In the community he served, however, people say this reflects what's wrong with policing today: Police nearly always get the last word when citizens complain.

"We've had through the years numerous similar complaints, and they all seem to be taken lightly and dismissed without any obvious investigation," the Rev. Joseph Darby, vice president of the Charleston branch of the NAACP civil rights group, said Thursday. The mostly black neighborhood where the shooting took place is far from unique, said Melvin Tucker, a former FBI agent and police chief in four southern cities who often testifies in police misconduct cases. Nationwide, training that pushes pre-emptive action, military experience that creates a warzone mindset, and legal system favoring police in misconduct cases all lead to scenarios where officers to see the people they serve as enemies, he said.

Both Slager, 33, and Scott, 55, were U.S. Coast Guard veterans. Slager had one complaint in his personnel file of excessive force that was ultimately dismissed. Scott had been jailed repeatedly for failing to pay child support. But neither man had a record of violence. Slager consistently earned positive reviews in his five years with the North Charleston Police.

Slager's new attorney, Andy Savage, said Thursday that he's conducting his own investigation, and that it's "far too early for us to be saying what we think."

The officer, whose wife is eight months pregnant, is being held without bond pending an Aug. 21 hearing on a charge of murder that could put him in prison for 30 years to life if convicted. As a steady crowd left flowers, stuffed animals, notes and protest signs Thursday in the empty lot where Scott was shot, many said police in South Carolina's thirdlargest city routinely dismiss complaints of petty brutality and harassment, even when eyewitnesses can attest to police misbehavior. The result, they say, is that officers are regarded with a mixture of distrust and fear. Slager's file includes a single excessive use-of-force complaint, from 2013: A man said Slager used his stun gun against him without reason. But Slager was exonerated and the case closed, even though witnesses told The Associated Press that investigators never followed up with them.



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In this March 2015, file photo, Robert Durst is transported from Orleans Parish Criminal District Court to the Orleans Parish Prison after his arraignment in New Orleans. Associated Press

JANET McCONNAUGHEY
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Associated Press
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Millionaire Robert Durst, want-

ed in California on a murder charge and facing mounting legal woes, pleaded not guilty Thursday to two weapons charges in Louisi-



U.S. heir pleads not guilty; writes letter to LA Times

ana related to his high-profile arrest last month.

Even as he entered his plea in one New Orleans courtroom, federal authorities sought to have him hauled into a U.S. courthouse on a similar charge.

Durst, an estranged member of the family that runs 1 World Trade Center in New York, has had multiple runins with the law.

He was arrested in New Orleans on the eve of the finale of a six-part HBO documentary called "The Jinx" about Durst, the disappearance of his first wife in 1982, writer-friend Susan Berman's death and the death and dismemberment of a neighbor in Texas in 2001.

The real estate heir who turns 72 on Sunday is being held without bond in Louisiana. With hands shackled to his sides, he pleaded not guilty to state charges of possessing a firearm after a felony conviction and possessing both a firearm and an illegal drug, marijuana.

Durst's defense attorneys lifted him from an armchair to his feet to walk to the lectern and then helped him enter his plea.

Attorney Dick DeGuerin whispered into Durst's ear as he entered the plea. He had to whisper twice before Durst said, "I am not guilty, your honor."

Judge Franz Zibilich asked if Durst was making that plea to both charges against him. DeGuerin whispered again, and Durst said, "Yes, your honor."

The latest developments

came as the Los Angeles Times published a letter purported to be from Durst, in which he muses on a number of topics — but not his legal woes.

Postmarked in Baton Rouge on April 1, the letter bears the return address of the prison where he has been held and is addressed to the newspaper's Houston bureau chief.

He muses on politics, saying business and political leaders "have chosen to fight rather than agree to disagree." And, he touches on his health problems.

DeGuerin told reporters Thursday that the letter's scrawled cursive looks like his client's handwriting.

Durst was arrested at a J.W. Marriott hotel on March 15 in New Orleans on a warrant from Los Angeles County after being recognized by an FBI agent. The next day, he was arrested on weapons charges after authorities searching Durst's hotel room allegedly found a .38-caliber revolver and marijuana in the room. He was indicted by a grand jury on the state charges this week.

The weapons arrest has kept Durst in New Orleans even though he waived extradition to California, where he's charged in the December 2000 death of Berman, a longtime friend. Durst is being held without bail in the mental ward of a state prison.

Durst's story also is playing out a couple miles (kilometers) away in federal court in New Orleans. An affidavit filed there accuses Durst of breaking a federal law prohibiting felons from possessing firearms. Durst had pleaded guilty in Pennsylvania in 2004 to possession of a firearm while a fugitive and doing so while under indictment. His lawyers say neither of those crimes fits the Louisiana law making it illegal to possess firearms after a felony conviction.

Prosecutors have asked a

U.S. magistrate judge to or-

der Durst to be brought to federal court for a hearing April 14 — and that he remain in U.S. custody until the federal matter is resolved. Defense attorneys and prosecutors met with a federal judge to discuss another federal matter Thursday afternoon: whether two FBI agents and a state trooper on an FBI task force should be held in contempt of court for failing to show up at a hearing last week before the Orleans Parish

Federal prosecutors moved that part of the case to federal court on Monday; Durst's attorneys have not filed their response and have said they would not comment until they do.

Criminal District Court mag-

istrate.

A self-defense plea won acquittal in the death of Morris Black, but Durst now is charged in Los Angeles with murder in the Berman case. His lawyers, DeGuerin and Billy Gibbens, have said repeatedly that Durst just wants to go to California to deal with that charge.

Cybercrime fighting group takes down Beebone botnet

RAPHAEL SATTER Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A new group of international cybercrime fighters claimed one of its first kills Thursday, pulling the plug on malicious servers that hijacked at least 12,000 machines, most of them in the United States.

The elimination of the Beebone botnet is an early success chalked up by the Joint Cybercrime Action Taskforce, a coordination body created last year by the FBI, Britain's National Crime Agency, Europol and host of other international law enforcement agencies.

It's also an illustration of the lengths many hackers go to defeat investigators. Beebone's masters deployed shape-shifting software that updated itself up to 19 times a day.

"From a techie's perspective, they made it as difficult as they possibly could for us," said Europol advisor Raj Samani, who spoke rity, Kaspersky and Shadto The Associated Press on Wednesday, only an hour after authorities wrested the last rogue server from the criminals' control.

Botnet is the term applied to networks of hijacked

machines which criminals or security agencies use to spread malicious software, empty bank accounts and launch attacks.

Beebone was modest by botnet standards, but Samani — the chief technology officer of Intel Security's Europe, Middle East and Africa division — said it was state-of-the-art. Beebone relied on a pair of malicious programs that redownloaded each other, an insurance policy should one of them be removed. Regular tweaks to the software's code made it difficult for experts to blacklist the programs.

"In terms of size this is obviously small, but in terms of sophistication . we're talking about an investment by the criminals," he said.

The move is a big step for the Cybercrime Action Taskforce, set up in September in a bid to go after top-level Internet crime.

A host of security groups — including Intel Secuowserver — provided assis-

Europol would not name any of the victims of the botnet. Europol's Paul Gillen said there had not yet been any arrests.

Raj Samani, chief technology officer of Intel Security's Europe, Middle East and Africa division poses for a photograph in front of a screen after speaking during an internet security conference in Madrid, Spain, Thursday, April 9, 2015. **Associated Press**





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Amsterdam prostitutes protest closure of their windows

MIKE CORDER Associated Press

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Scores of prostitutes took to the streets of Amsterdam on Thursday to protest moves to rejuvenate the city's famed Red Light District by shuttering windows where scantily-clad sex workers pose to attract clients.

About 200 people — prostitutes and their supporters who wore masks to protect their identities — marched through the Red Light District carrying red umbrellas and banners including one that read: "Don't save us, save our windows!"

The prostitutes took their noisy but peaceful protest all the way into city hall, where they presented a petition to Mayor Eberhard van der Laan and told him that the closures are depriving them of safe places to work.

Ruth Morgan-Thomas, representing an organization called the Global Network of Sex Work Projects, said the city was going in the wrong direction by closing the windows.

"Amsterdam had it right," she said. "They enabled



Prostitutes and sympathizers take to the streets to protest plans to clean up the city's famed red light district by shuttering windows where scantily-clad sex workers pose to attract clients, in Amsterdam, Netherlands, Thursday, April 9, 2015.

Associated Press

women and men and transgenders to work safely. Now they are closing windows.

That makes people more vulnerable."

Amsterdam municipality is involved in a long-term initiative to reinvigorate the historic network of canalside streets and narrow alleys in part by reducing the number of brothel windows. Some 115 of the 500 windows have been closed in recent years.

Dozens more had been slated for closure, but that now appears unlikely to happen.

Van der Laan said the women were fighting a battle they had already won, telling them that the municipal council now wants to spend less money buying back windows and will likely reduce the number considerably.

That didn't satisfy the protesters, who said they wanted their windows back.

In this Friday, April 3, 2015 file photo, Burmese fishermen raise their hands as they are asked who among them want to go home at the compound of Pusaka Benjina Resources fishing company in Benjina, Aru Islands, Indonesia.

Associated Press

Number of slaves found on Indonesian island at almost 550

MARGIE MASON Associated Press JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)

— The number of enslaved fisherman found on a remote Indonesian island has now reached nearly 550, after a fact-finding team returned for a single day to make sure no one had been left behind in a dramatic rescue nearly a week ago.

Many of the 210 found Thursday were Burmese and wanted to leave, but there were a few holdouts, men who claimed they were owed years of back pay from their bosses, said Steve Hamilton, deputy chief of mission at the International Organization for Migration in Jakarta.

An in-depth investigation by The Associated Press published last month led to the discovery of massive rights abuses in the island village of Benjina and surrounding waters. Many of the men said they were tricked or even kidnapped before being put on boats in Thailand and taken to Indonesia. They were forced to work almost non-stop

under horrendous conditions, some brutally beaten by their Thai captains when they were sick or caught resting.

Last week, authorities rescued 330 migrants from Benjina, bringing them to the island of Tual, where they are now being sheltered by the Indonesian government. Those found Thursday remain in Benjina. It's unclear who will pay for the mass repatriation.

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi told reporters Thursday in her country's capital, Naypyitaw, it was up to governments "to protect the rights of the citizens and to bring them back out of bondage."

"That is the most obvious and very simple solution and unavoidable duty of any responsible government," she told reporters. While most fisherman found in Benjina were Burmese, there also were scores of Cambodians. The toll of 550 did not include men — many of whom also were

enslaved — from poor

parts of Thailand.

South African university removes statue of colonialist



Students, left, climb dance and cheer from atop the plinth as the decades old bronze statue of British colonialist Cecil John Rhodes, is removed from the campus at the Cape Town University, Cape Town, South Africa, Thursday, April 9, 2015.

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CAPE TOWN, South Africa
(AP) — Hundreds of South
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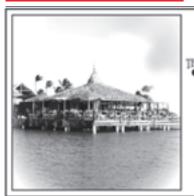
loudly Thursday as a crane lifted the decades-old statue of a British colonialist — celebrating the end of what they described as a symbol of white privilege.

The University of Cape Town removed the statue of Cecil John Rhodes after weeks of student demonstrations that began when one student flung excrement at the bronze sculpture last month. After it was gone, several students climbed onto the statue's base singing anti-apartheid anthems, while others carried posters reading "More than a statue."

The protesters, known as the Rhodes Must Fall Movement, said the statue's perch overlooking the university campus was a reminder of how little the university had changed since the end of apartheid, with the majority of faculty made up of white academics.



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Poll: Cubans expect U.S. detente to improve economic lives

MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) — Cubans overwhelmingly expect detente with the United States to alter their widely disliked economic system, according to a rare poll of 1,200 people across the island.

The poll released Wednesday found less optimism about Cuba's political future, with 54 percent saying the single-party government would not change as a result of closer ties. The poll found that 53 percent of Cubans are dissatisfied with the political system and 52 percent want more than one political party.

The poll also found that 97 percent of those interviewed thought normalization with the U.S. was good for Cuba and that while 55 percent want to emigrate from Cuba, 73 percent feel optimistic about the future.

Seventy-nine percent of those polled over 10 days last month by the Miamibased polling firm Bendixen & Amandi on behalf of The Washington Post and Univision Noticias/Fusion said they were not satisfied with Cuba's centrally planned economy. But 64 percent said they expected that system to change because of the decision late last year to re-establish diplomatic ties between the countries and move toward normalization. The poll, which Bendixen & Amandi call the most comprehensive measure of Cuban public opinion in decades, did not break down the ways in which respondents expected it to change.

The results show the limits of a Cuban effort to lower expectations of better lives because of the Dec.

17 announcement by presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro. Most Cubans were elated by the announcement and Obama's loosening of restrictions on trade. Many said it removed their government's ability to blame a stagnant economy and widespread shortages of basic goods on a halfcentury of U.S. isolation.

The government swiftly filled official media with repeated reminders that a U.S. trade embargo remains in place. Castro and lower-ranking officials also warned the U.S. not to expect any changes in Cuba's single-party system.

Eighty percent of Cubans surveyed in the new poll had positive opinions of Obama, while 47 percent had positive opinions of Raul Castro. Regional polls show a similar pattern, with Obama more popular than local leaders in many Latin countries.

The Cuban government did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Cuban media do not conduct polls using internationally accepted standards and unauthorized polling by foreign press or non-governmental organizations is illegal and extremely unusual.

Bendixen & Amandi vetted and trained locally hired poll-takers and sent them door-to-door in 13 of Cuba's 15 provinces, checking their data after it was collected to make sure it was accurate and representative, managing director Fernand Amandi said Wednesday. The poll had a margin of error of 2.8 percentage points.

While 75 percent of respondents told polltakers that they felt that they had to be careful about what they said in their daily lives,



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Amandi said he was pleasantly surprised by their

openness. "We actually found them

to be very candid, very frank," he said.





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Yemen rebels capture city, Iran condemns Saudi air campaign

AHMED AL-HAJ NASSER KARIMI Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Shiite rebels and allied troops overran the capital of an oil-rich Yemeni province in a heavily Sunni area on Thursday, making significant territorial gains despite Saudi-led airstrikes, now entering their third week.

Iran, which is trying to garner international support to stop the bombing, stepped up its condemnation, with the supreme leader calling the air campaign "genocide."

The rebel fighters, known as Houthis, along with military units loyal to former autocrat Ali Abdullah Saleh, overran Ataq, the capital of oil-rich Shabwa province, after days of airstrikes and clashes with local Sunni tribes.

The Saudi-led coalition has imposed an air and sea blockade on Yemen and targeted the rebels and their allies to try to create a safe corridor that would allow the return of Yemen's internationally recognized president, Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who fled the country last month.

The conflict pits the Saudiled Sunni Gulf Arab coalition against Shiite rival Iran, which supports the Houthis and has provided humanitarian aid, though both Iran and the rebels deny it has armed them.

The growing regional involvement risks transforming what until now has been a complex power struggle into a full-blown sectarian conflict like those raging in Syria and Iraq.

On Thursday, Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, compared the Saudi-led strikes to Israel's bombing in the Gaza Strip. "This is a crime, genocide and legally pursuable," he said, according to his website. "It is necessary for the Saudis to withdraw from disastrous crimes. ... Yemenis will resist and will win."

He also lashed out at what he called "a few inexperienced young men" controlling affairs in Saudi Arabia — a veiled reference to the Saudi king's son, Defense Minister Mohammed bin Salman, who is leading the air campaign. "They prefer barbaric behavior over dignity," Khamenei said.

In a speech in Tehran, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani urged a cease-fire in Yemen to allow for broad-based talks on resolving the crisis.

"To the countries in the re-

increasingly expansionist Iran they accuse of exerting influence in a growing number of Arab countries, including Yemen. Iran denies it is meddling, and accuses the Sunni Gulf countries of inciting sectarianism in the region.

Speaking on PBS News Hour late Wednesday, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said Washington has information that Iran is providing military assistance to the rebels.

"There are a number of

Houthis and Saleh loyalists entered the city they encountered little resistance, raising questions about whether Yemen's fractured tribes — even in Sunni areas — can serve as reliable allies.

Military and tribal officials said leading tribe members facilitated the rebels' entry after days of fighting, with one official saying the Sunni tribesmen didn't want to keep on fighting, even though they were assisted by coalition air-

on Wednesday, but not a shot was fired as the rebels entered the city.

Letting the rebels and Saleh forces in the city was "treason," resident Khaled al-Wahabi said, blaming local tribes for facilitating their entry. "Shabwa tribes should bear the blame," he said.

Soon after the city's capture, residents reported that coalition jets bombed military camps in the area. The spokesman for the coalition forces, Ahmed As-



People flee after a Saudi-led airstrike in Sanaa, Yemen, Wednesday, April 8, 2015.

gion, I say, let's adopt the spirit of brotherhood. Let's respect each other and other nations," Rouhani said. "Do not kill innocent children. Let's think about an end to the war, about cease-fire and humanitarian assistance to the suffering people of Yemen." Comparing the Saudi-led campaign to Syria and Iraq, where a U.S.-led coalition is targeting Islamic State militants, he added: "You will learn ... that you are making a mistake in Yemen, too."

Saudi Arabia and its allies maintain their involvement is not sectarian but rather an attempt to curtail an

flights every single week that have been flying in. We trace those flights and we know this. We are well aware of the support Iran has been giving Yemen," Kerry said. "Iran needs to recognize that the U.S. is not going to stand by while the region is destabilized or while people engage in overt warfare across lines — international boundaries — in other countries." Meanwhile, there was little sian the airstrikes have curtailed the rebels' advance.

The capture of Ataq came after days of clashes as well as negotiations with local tribes. When the strikes. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters.

Ataq residents said the rebels and allied soldiers installed checkpoints all around the city. "Ataq is like a military barracks. A tank here, an armored vehicle there and nonstop patrols," said resident Saleh al-Awlaki. "I consider this an occupation by all means. And all occupation must be removed, also by all means."

Mohamed Abkar, another resident, said residents looted unguarded weapons warehouses in the city

siri, confirmed the airstrikes and said the aim at this phase of the campaign was to cut off rebel supply lines and communications between the capital Sanaa, and rebel strongholds in the north. The Houthis and their allies have seized 10 of Yemen's 21 provinces but could encounter resistance in Shabwa from al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula. The Saudi-led bombing — backed by U.S. arms shipments and intelliaence sharina threatens to weaken the rebels and Saleh's loyalists, who are al-Qaida's most powerful opponents

on the ground.

Associated Press



Red Sail Sports recognizes its employees loyalty

Oranjestad, April 1st, 2015 - We a great sense of pleasure the premiere local water sports and Destination Management company Red Sail Sports Aruba recently celebrated the service anniversary of a group its associates. The company takes pride in being able to rely on such valuable employees for its operation and therefore wants to make sure, they receive the proper acknowledgement.

On January 24th Cruzbalina Ramirez also celebrated her 10th service anniversary at Red Sail Sports. Cruz started with Red Sail Sports in the position of Re-



Honorees together with management and colleagues

is a very pleasant person to work with. A person with lots of patience and dedication to his position and a warm-heart that gets along with everyone that he comes in contact with. We are proud to announce that together for the first quarter of 2015, we have dedicated employees that together celebrated their 35th service anniversary with great passion and dedication for the work that each of them display. This special occasion was marked with a celebratory lunch between management and honorees, including the company's managing director Mr. Pe-



Juan Carlos Garcia Gomes with his 15th anniversary commemorative plaque.



Cruzbalina Ramirez with her 10th anniversary commemorative plaque.



Marvin Firtzgerald Gomes with his 10th anniversary commemorative plaque.

tail Sales Associate and later on became Supervisor of the Hyatt Retail Store. Cruz has a very friendly personality and is a great person to deal with, both with her internal customers and as well with our guests, at the

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This year, Juan Carlos commemorated his 15th service anniversary. Juan Carlos is dedicated to his work and shows great loyalty and commitment to Red Sail Sports.

Marvin Fitzgerald Gomes

also celebrated his 10th service anniversary at Red Sail Sports on March 1, 2015. Marvin's position is in our Retail Department as a Warehouse Attendant/Receiver. He deals with lots of people on a daily basis and

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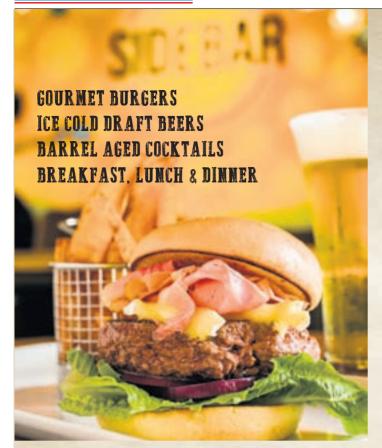


10 to 19 consecutive years. rants, Casinos and Aruba Saunders from Falmouth MA and Mr. Ron and Sandy Piccolo from Botonda West FL. All the honorees are loyal members of the Divi Phoenix and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the climate, beaches, restau-



The honorees were Mr. feels like a second home. Stephen and Mrs. Theresa the people are like a family to them and the Divi Phoenix is their home away from home. The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Mrs. Avril Culley representing the Divi Phoenix.





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island. This bistro is going to was a busy event where the friendly staff welcomed all invited guests with

champagne and a smile.

overheard remarking:

One of the auests was

was wondering how one

could find niche for a new

restaurant on Aruba, but I

believe Niels has found it

with Sidebar. The combina-

tion gourmet burger and

aged Bourbons is one that

we don't have yet on the



soar.'' Others agreed and they added that the food is absolutely terrific; they knew from experience, because Sidebar has already been open for two weeks, ironing out any glitches before its Grand Opening. Live music was provided by "Joyride" and till late at night the crowed danced away on popular songs played by the band.







Loyal visitors honored at the Marriott Ocean Club



Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of loyal and friendly Visitors of Aruba, at the Marriott Ocean Club, as Distinguished Visitors and Ambassadors of Goodwill. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10 to 19 and 20 or more consecutive years.



The honorees were Mr. Michael and Mrs. Cookie Fox from Commack NY and Mr. Jay and Mrs. Linda Travers from Rochester NY. The honorees are loyal members of the Marriott Ocean Club and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the climate, beaches, restaurants, the Malmok beach snorkeling, shopping the multi lingual experience and Aruba feels like a sec-



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Loyal visitors honored at the Costa Linda Resort

Recently the following visitors were honored as an ambassador of goodwill for the island of Aruba after visiting for more then 26 years consecutive: William & Brenda Burns, Stephanie Burns and also Kristina **Burns Wiggins**

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Mr. Ricardo Croes repre-

senting Aruba Tourism Authority conducted the ceremony at the Costa Linda

Mr. William commented that he will never change his vacation island for any other island, top reason for returning provided by the honorees were they consider

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Mr. Ricardo Croes from ATA together with family Burns and also Reps. from Costa Linda Resort

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In this July 19, 2014, file photo, West's Candace Parker, of the Los Angeles Sparks, sits with her daughter, Laila, during the second half the WNBA All-Star basketball game in Phoenix.

Associated Press

APNewsbreak: Candace Parker to miss part of WNBA season

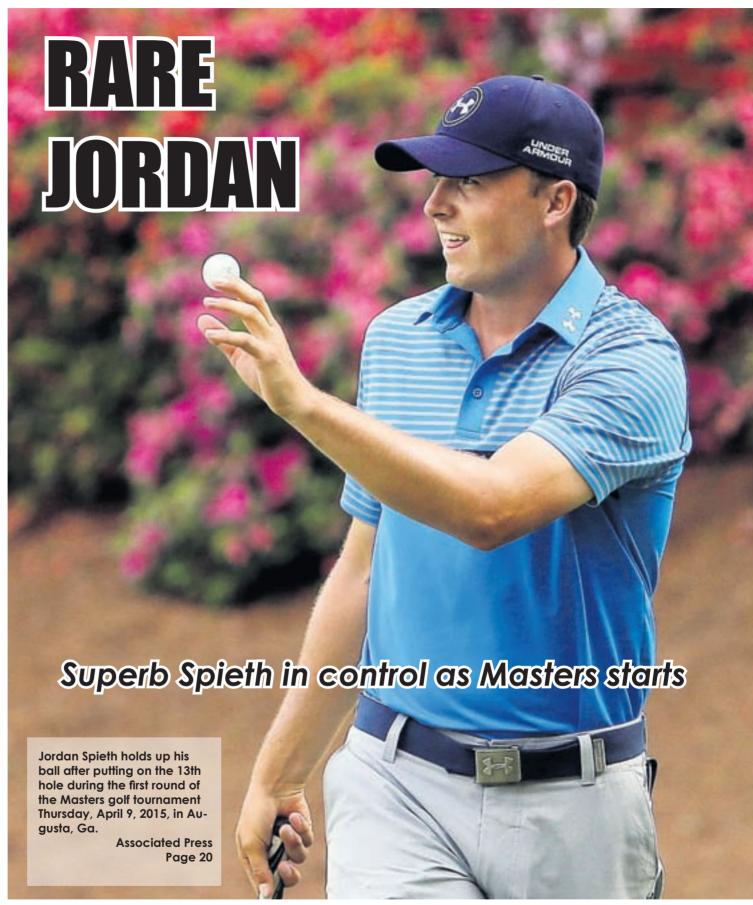
By DOUG FEINBERG AP Basketball Writer

Los Angeles Sparks star Candace Parker will sit out at least the beginning of the upcoming WNBA season to rest.

"It was Candace's decision and she felt she needed to get her body 100 percent healthy," Sparks general manager Penny Toler told The Associated Press. "She wanted to be the best she could be for herself and the team. What we're doing is supporting her in that decision."

Parker, like many WNBA players, also plays overseas, essentially creating a year-round commitment to basketball.

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NBA Capsules

Oladipo spoils Rose's return in 105-103 win

The Associated Press ORLANDO, Florida (AP)

- Victor Oladipo had 23 points and scored on a layup with 1.5 seconds left to give the Orlando Magic a 105-103 victory over Chicago on Wednesday night, spoiling Derrick Rose's return to the Bulls.

Nik Vucevic added 22 points in the Magic's third straight win.

Rose started and played for the first time in more than a month since undergoing surgery on his right knee. The point guard was 3 of 9 from the field and finished with nine points in 19 minutes.

The Bulls had a final chance with 1.5 seconds remaining, but an inbounds pass by Mike Dunleavy to Pau Gasol at the rim sailed out of bounds.

Jimmy Butler had 19 points for Chicago. Gasol, Taj Gibson and Nikola Mirotic each added 15.

CAVALIERS 104, BUCKS 99 MILWAUKEE (AP) — Kyrie Irving scored 27 points and the Cavaliers clinched the Central Division title and the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference.

LeBron James scored 21 points with nine rebounds and eight assists for the Cavs, including 10 points in the fourth quarter. Kevin Love added 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Michael Carter-Williams scored 30 points for the Bucks, while Zaza Pachulia added 19 points and 10 rebounds. Milwaukee played without Giannis Antetokounmpo, although it wasn't immediately clear



Orlando Magic guard Victor Oladipo hangs from the rim after dunking during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Chicago Bulls in Orlando, Fla., Wednesday, April 8, 2015. The Magic won 105-103. **Associated Press**

why he sat out. SPURS 110, ROCKETS 98 SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Parker scored 27 points and the Spurs got their ninth straight victory.

The Spurs moved within a half-game of the Southwest Division lead shared by Houston and Memphis. San Antonio will face Houston on Friday night in the closing game of a homeand-home set.

Kawhi Leonard added 20 points, Boris Diaw had 15

points and Manu Ginobili 13 for San Antonio. The Spurs led by as many as 22 points after a slow start.

Jason Terry led Houston with 22 points and Trevor Ariza added 19 points. James Harden had 16 points, but only three after the first quarter.

WIZARDS 119, 76ERS 90 PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bradley Beal scored 21 points and Washington shot a franchise-record 65.3 per-

cent from the field in a

blowout victory over Philadelphia.

The Wizards rested All-Star guard John Wall, ending his consecutive games streak at 208.

Ramon Sessions added 19 points, and Marcin Gortat had 18 points, seven rebounds, six assists and four blocks to help Washington win its fourth straight game. Trying to earn home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs for the first time since 1979, Washington remained a game behind fourth-place Toronto in the Eastern Conference.

Robert Covington scored a career-high 27 points on 8-for-11 shooting for the Philadelphia. The 76ers have dropped seven straight.

RAPTORS 92, HORNETS 74 CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — DeMar DeRozan scored 18 points and Toronto beat Charlotte for the first time in seven games.

Lou Williams and Greivis Vasquez each scored 16 points for Toronto, and Tyler Hansbrough added 12 points and 12 rebounds.

Kemba Walker had 15 points for Charlotte. The Hornets are 11th in the Eastern Conference, three games behind eighthplace Boston for the final playoff spot.

CELTICS 113, PISTONS 103 AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Isaiah Thomas had a season-high 34 points as the Celtics picked up a key victory and eliminated Detroit from playoff contention.

Thomas needed only 17

shots to put up his huge numbers, going 10 for 17 from the floor. He hit four of his eight 3-pointers, and went 10 for 11 from the line. The victory moved Boston into a tie for seventh with Brooklyn in the Eastern Conference.

Detroit's Stan Van Gundy, who had already been guaranteed the first losing season of his coaching career, will also miss the postseason for the first time.

Jae Crowder added 17 for Boston, while Reggie Jackson had 21 points and 15 assists. Greg Monroe had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Pistons, and Andre Drummond added 22 points and 14 rebounds.

HAWKS 114, NETS 111

NEW YORK (AP) - AI Horford made the go-ahead basket on a dunk with 19 seconds remaining, and the Hawks completed a season sweep.

Playing without injured All-Star Paul Millsap and further short-handed after Pero Antic and Thabo Sefolosha were arrested early Wednesday and didn't play, the Hawks recovered after blowing a 12-point, fourth-quarter lead.

Horford scored 24 points and Mike Scott had 20 points and eight rebounds for the Hawks. They won their third straight and improved to 59-19.

Brook Lopez had 26 points and 10 rebounds for the

GRIZZLIES 110, PELICANS 74 MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Zach Randolph had 15 points, 13 rebounds and six assists for Memphis.



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Candace Parker

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Toler said she wasn't sure when the two-time MVP would return but she expects Parker back this season

"She intends on playing," Toler said. "At what point we don't know. She has been playing year round and needed a break."

Phoenix Mercury star Diana Taurasi said in February she would miss the entire 2015 WNBA season after accepting an offer from her Russian club to rest. Parker is on the same team as Taurasi, but isn't getting paid by UMMC Ekaterinburg to sit out.

"Candace told me this is not a financial decision," Toler said. "She told me she's not getting paid at all (by her Russian club). She feels she would like to play 100 percent healthy and be the best she could be to have an opportunity to win a championship."

Parker, who turns 29 next

week, has spent her entire career with the Sparks since she was drafted with the No. 1 pick in 2008. She missed the first eight games of the 2009 season after giving birth.

"I totally understand her desire to rest. Clearly she and the Sparks have reached that agreement," WNBA President Laurel Richie said. "When she is ready she will come back and we look forward to her returning with her great ability and energy to the Sparks and to the league." Her Russian team is playing in the Final Four of the Euroleague this weekend in Prague.

New Sparks coach Brian Agler has been down this road before. At Seattle, he was without star Lauren Jackson for long stretches because of injury or overseas commitments.

"Any time that you are missing a talented individual you have to make adjustments," Agler said. "But I've always tried to look at the situations as opportu-

nities. That's the way I like to approach these. It's an opportunity for Nneka (Ogwumike) and Alana Beard to put their stamp on our team."

Parker averaged 19.4 points and 7.1 rebounds last season for the Sparks, who lost to the Mercury in the opening round of the playoffs. She was designated as a core player by the team, but hasn't signed her contract yet. So Parker's salary doesn't count against the team's salary cap yet, which allowed the Sparks to sign Jennifer Lacy this month.

It also means the team and league can't fine Parker for missing time. The new labor agreement, which was signed last year, grants the league and teams more power to fine players for missing time for overseas commitments.

"We have the rights to her and she can't negotiate with anybody else but us," Toler said. "When she's ready to come back we'll make room."



In this Aug. 12, 2014, file photo, Los Angeles Sparks forward Candace Parker (3) looks to pass the ball against Minnesota Lynx forward Asia Taylor (31) in the first half of a WNBA basketball game in Minneapolis.

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Spieth has best opening round at Masters in 19 years

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Jordan Spieth pulled off the unthinkable Thursday. With the best opening round in 19 years, he managed to make the Masters about a lot more than the Grand Slam bid of Rory McIlroy and the curious return of Tiger Woods.

Spieth was must-see TV with his 8-under 64 on a steamy afternoon at Augusta National.

"It's one of the better rounds I've ever played," he said.

That wasn't the case for McIlroy, though his round wasn't awful. The world's No. 1 player saved par four times on the front nine and scratched out a 71. Woods had three birdies in his round of 73, and while it was the first time since 2007 that he shot over par in the first round of the Masters, it was looked upon as progress. Plus, his short game looked like it was close to being back to normal.

But the day belonged to Spieth, a 21-year-old Texan who at least got into the Masters record book as the youngest to lead after the first round.

An even more significant record was within his reach, and he didn't even know it.

Spieth ran off six birdies in a seven-hole stretch to reach 8 under through 14 holes, and the last of those birdies summed up a day when hardly anything went wrong. He hit a 7-iron out of the pines and began barking instructions to the golf ball as he often does. He didn't realize it smacked right into the pin and settled a few feet away until he heard the reaction from delirious fans around the green that suspected they were watching something special.

Almost.

Spieth hit hybrid over the green on the par-5 15th, chipped cautiously up the

course record was here, let alone that it actually would have been the lowest round in major championship history. So that's a little frustrating," Spieth said before he paused with a wry smile. "But I'm certainly OK with the day."

It wasn't that big of a surprise.

Spieth shared the 54-hole

days ago. The biggest challenge he faced was to keep his expectations from growing taller than a Georgia pine, and to make sure he was plenty rested.

Whatever the formula, it worked.

"What a player," Els said after a 67, his best score at the Masters since the day Phil Mickelson beat on his birdie spree. Hoffman finished with an eagle and two birdies over his last four holes.

Day looked to be the most dangerous. Twice a contender at Augusta in the last four years, he made five straight birdies on the back nine until he lost momentum with a bogey from the bunker on the 17th. Still, three shots behind after one round wasn't a bad place to me.

McIlroy has more work.

Coming off successive major victories to close out last year, McIlroy needs only a green jacket to become the sixth player with the career Grand Slam. He has never started a Masters with this much historic significance in play, or this much attention. And he smashed this opening drive right down the middle.

The rest of his game was a bit off. He hooked a drive into the hazard on the par-5 second and had to scramble for par. He stubbed a chip short of the green on the 350-yard third hole and had to fight for another par. McIlroy picked up two birdies on the par 5s on the back nine to salvage his start.

"It could have been a round that got away from me," McIlroy said. "I just stayed patient, realizing that it's a 72-hole tournament. It was good to get into red numbers."

That wasn't that hard to achieve on a day of soft conditions that made even the tough pin positions a little more accessible. Thirty players in the 97-man field broke par.



Jordan Spieth reacts after his birdie on the 18th hole during the first round of the Masters golf tournament Thursday, April 9, 2015, in Augusta, Ga.

Associated Press

slope and three-putted from the fringe for a bogey. He closed with a 20-foot birdie putt for his 64, the best first-round score at Augusta since Greg Norman's 63 in 1996. It gave Spieth a three-shot lead over Ernie Els, Jason Day, Justin Rose and Charley Hoffman.

Spieth was thinking about 62. He had never shot 10-under par as a pro.

"I wasn't aware what the

lead last year at Augusta with Bubba Watson until a four-shot swing over the last two holes of the front nine as Watson pulled away. Plus, he might have been the hottest player coming into this Masters.

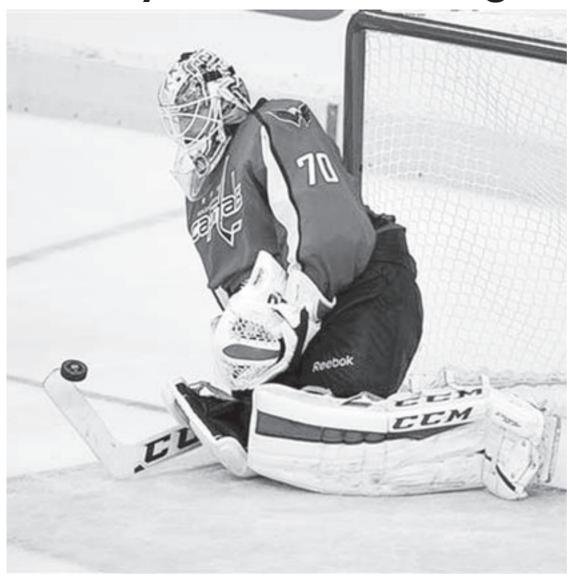
He won at Innisbrook in a three-man playoff. He was runner-up at the Texas Open. And he lost in a three-man playoff at the Houston Open just four

him with a birdie on the last hole in 2004. "You just cannot see this kid not win many, many majors. I think he is by far the most balanced kid I've seen. Jordan, he's got that little tenacity to him and he's really got a fighting spirit, and he's the nicest kid in the world. ... He's a special kid." Els played the par 5s in 5 under and briefly had the lead until Spieth went



NHL Capsules

Holtby blanks Bruins again, Capitals win 3-0



Washington Capitals goalie Braden Holtby reaches for the puck during the third period of an NHL hockey game against the Boston Bruins, Wednesday, April 8, 2015, in Washington. The Capitals won 3-0.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Braden Holtby made 27 saves while shutting out the Boston Bruins for the third time this season, Marcus Johansson had a goal and an assist and the Washington Capitals defeated the Bruins 3-0 on Wednesday night.

Holtby earned his 41st win of the season to match the franchise record set by Olie Kolzig in 1999-00. His nine shutouts this sea-

son equal the franchise record set by Jim Carey in 1995-96 and also tie Montreal's Carey Price and Pittsburgh's Marc-Andre Fleury for the league lead this season.

John Carlson and Matt Niskanen also scored for Washington, which leads the Islanders by three points for second place in the Metropolitan Division and home ice in the first round of the playoffs. New York has one game in hand.

Nicklas Backstrom and Troy Brouwer each had two assists for the Capitals, who have won nine of 12.

Boston, which had won five straight, still holds second wild card in the Eastern Conference with 95 points. Both the Bruins and the Ottawa Senators (95 points) have two games remaining, and Boston has two more regulation and overtime wins.

STARS 4, DUCKS 0

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Patrick Eaves scored two goals and Jordie Benn added his first goal in three months, leading Dallas over playoff-bound Anaheim.

Jhonas Enroth made 19 saves in his fifth career shutout for the Stars, and Vernon Fiddler opened the scoring in three-goal second period of the Stars' eighth victory in their past nine road games.

Associated Press

Jamie Benn had three assists to pull even with Sidney Crosby and John Tavares atop the NHL scoring race for the Stars, who will miss the postseason despite winning 13 of their past 18 games.

Frederik Andersen stopped 28 shots for the Pacific Division champion Ducks, who wasted their first chance to lock up home-ice advantage throughout the Western Conference playoffs with a victory.

BLUE JACKETS 5, MAPLE LEAFS 0

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Scott Hartnell had a goal and an assist and Sergei Bobrovsky stopped 35 shots for his second shutout of the season to lead Columbus over Toronto.

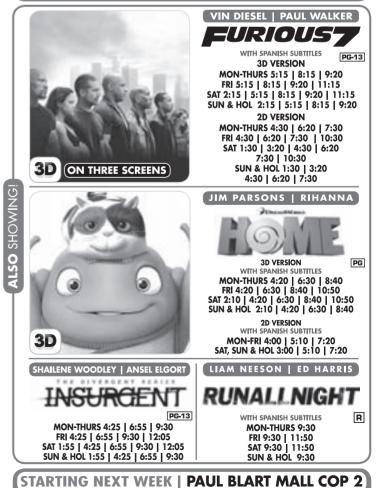
Artem Anisimov, Boone Jenner, Ryan Murray and Jeremy Morin also scored for the Blue Jackets, who won their fifth in a row at home in a matchup of teams playing out the string in the regular season. Brandon Dubinsky added two assists.

David Booth hit a post on a third-period breakaway, the closest anyone came to scoring for the Maple Leafs, who have lost their past eight on the road (0-7-1) and have the fewest road wins (eight) of any team. The Blue Jackets continued their strong play. They are 13-1-1 over their past 15 games, including a franchise-record ninegame win streak that ended with an overtime loss at the New York Rangers on Monday night.

It was Bobrovsky's second shutout of the season. He is 9-0-1 in his past 10 starts. □







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NL Capsules

Gonzalez makes it 5 HRs in 3 games; L.A. beats Pods

The Associated Press LOS ANGELES (AP) — LOS ANGELES (AP) — Adrian Gonzalez hit three home runs, becoming the first player in major league history with five in the sea-

son's first three games, and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the San Diego Padres 7-4 Wednesday to win their opening series.

Gonzalez had a four-hit game to go with consecutive three-hit games on Monday and Tuesday, becoming the first National League player to do so since Orlando Cepeda of San Francisco had three straight three-hit games in 1963.

Gonzalez homered in four consecutive at-bats dating to Tuesday before his RBI single in the sixth.

The Dodgers rallied from a 2-0 deficit in the first to help Brandon McCarthy (1-0) earn his first win.

Andrew Cashner (0-1) gave up eight hits and six runs in five innings, struck out six and walked three. CUBS 2, CARDINALS 0.

CHICAGO (AP) — Jake Arrieta allowed three hits over seven innings and Starlin Castro had a goahead RBI single in a tworun seventh, leading the Cubs over the Cardinals for their first win this season.

Backed by just two hits from Chicago's offense, Arrieta (1-0) struck out seven and walked three. Phil Coke, Neil Ramirez, Pedro Strop and Hector Rondon combined for hitless relief. Rendon pitched a perfect ninth for his first save with the Cubs, who lost 3-0 to St. Louis on Sunday night's opener.

Lance Lynn (0-1) struck out nine in six-plus innings, allowing both runs — one earned — and two hits.

BRAVES 2, MARLINS 0

MIAMI (AP) — A.J. Pierzynski hit a two-run homer and five pitchers combined on a six-hitter to help Atlanta complete a three-game sweep.

The season-opening sweep was the first for the Braves since 2007, and they outscored Miami 16-3 in the series.

The 38-year-old Pierzyn-

ski, playing in his first game with his newest team, broke up a scoreless tie in the seventh inning against Tom Koehler (0-1).

Shelby Miller made his first start with the Braves and allowed four hits in five innings. Brandon Cunniff (1-0) followed with 1 2-3 perfect innings for his first major-league victory. Jason Grilli pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for his second save.

PHILLIES 4, RED SOX 2 PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jeff Francoeur hit a three-run homer, and Aaron Harang

threw a no-hitter to close the regular season, but he only allowed one run in six innings.

Ryan Zimmerman hit a tworun homer in the first off NL Rookie of the Year Jacob deGrom (0-1).

Closer Drew Storen had a 1-2-3 ninth for his first save. ROCKIES 5, BREWERS 4, 10 INNINGS

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Pinchhitter Wilin Rosario homered in the 10th inning after being scratched from the starting lineup, leading the Rockies to a win over

game into extra innings. GIANTS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 2

PHOENIX (AP) — Chris Heston pitched six effective innings in a combined fivehitter for his first big league win, Casey McGehee hit a two-run homer and the Giants beat the Diamondbacks.

Heston (1-0) had a wild pitch and a throwing error that led to Arizona's runs, but shook off both to win in his second big league

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Los Angeles Dodgers' Adrian Gonzalez watches his solo home run in front of San Diego Padres catcher Derek Norris during the fifth inning of a baseball game in Los Angeles, Wednesday, April 8, 2015. It was Gonzalez's third homer of the night. **Associated Press**

(1-0) took a one-hitter into the seventh inning.

Making his Red Sox debut after signing an \$82.5 million, four-year contract through 2019, Rick Porcello (0-1) allowed three runs and six hits in six innings.

Harang gave up two hits, walked one and struck out eight in 6 1-3 innings in his first start for the Phillies. Jonathan Papelbon got four outs against his former team for his first save.

Francoeur went deep for the first time in two years for Philadelphia's first runs this season.

NATIONALS 2, METS 1 WASHINGTON (AP) — Jordan Zimmermann (1-0) didn't quite pick up where he left off in 2014, when he

the Brewers.

Rosario initially was in the Rockies' batting order in place of Justin Morneau, who was hit in the neck by a ball while running the bases on Tuesday night. Morneau took batting practice and talked his way into the lineup, sending Rosario to the bench for the third straight game. The big right-handed hitter, however, hit a full-count pitch from Milwaukee closer Francisco Rodriguez (0-1) over the wall in center field, giving the Rockies a three-game sweep in the season-opening series.

Colorado closer LaTroy Hawkins (1-0) got the win despite giving up a pair of runs in the ninth to send the

Francisco's 14 hits, including a run-scoring double off Jeremy Hellickson (0-1) in the right-hander's Arizona debut.

REDS 5, PIRATES 4, 11 IN-NINGS

CINCINNATI (AP) — Joey Votto singled home the winning run in the 11th inning, sending Cincinnati to a victory over the Pirates in a four-hour game that started after a long rain

Radhames Liz (0-1), the last reliever left for Pittsburgh, hit Zack Cozart in the back with one out in the 11th. Pinch-hitter Chris Dominguez struck out, and Hamilton walked to bring up Votto, who singled to end the game at 1:46 a.m. local time.

J.J. Hoover (1-0) allowed one single over the last two innings.q

AL Capsules

Tigers shut out Twins again in 11-0 rout

DETROIT (AP) — Anibal Sanchez helped Detroit blank Minnesota for the second straight game, Jose Iglesias had four hits and Alex Avila scored four runs.

Ian Kinsler drove in four runs for Detroit, which had beaten Minnesota 4-0 on opening day. Sanchez (1-0) allowed three hits and two walks in 6 2-3 innings while striking out six.

Ricky Nolasco (0-1) gave up six runs and six hits in three-plus innings, walked four and struck out two.

ANGELS 5, MARINERS 3 SEATTLE (AP) — Albert Pujols hit his 521st home run to move into 18th place on baseball's career list and the Angels held on for a victory over the Mariners.

Pujols' home run, a two-run shot off Hisashi Iwakuma (0-1) in the first inning, tied him with Hall of Famers Ted Williams, Willie McCovey and Frank Thomas.

(1-0)Matt Shoemaker gave up a solo home run to Brad Miller in the third and two-run shot by Kyle Seager in the sixth.

Iwakuma (0-1) worked six innings, allowing nine hits, five runs, striking out three and walking none.

YANKEES 4, BLUE JAYS 3

NEW YORK (AP) — Chase Headley hit a tiebreaking single that deflected off the wrist of reliever Brett Cecil as New York rallied for three runs in the eighth inning. Pinch-hitter Chris Young opened the eighth with a bloop double that eluded rookie second baseman Devon Travis, Jacoby Ellsbury singled, and Aaron Loup (0-1) loaded the bases when he hit Brett Gardner with a pitch.

Young scored on a wild pitch by Cecil, who forced in the tying run when he plunked McCann with a pitch. Headley hit a onehopper that caromed off Cecil's right wrist and past shortstop.

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Samsung hopes to reverse dimming fortunes with Galaxy S6

YOUKYUNG LEE **AP Technology Writer** SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

When Samsung dubbed development of its latest smartphones "Project Zero," it was sounding a note of desperation as sales tumbled and it lost pole position in the crucial Chinese market to rivals Xiaomi and Apple.

The results of its overhaul, the flaaship Galaxy S6 smartphone and the S6 Edge, go on sale in 20 countries on Friday. Samsung, which said "Project Zero'' signified starting from scratch, is hoping a revamped design, a more intuitive interface and less clutter will help claw back lost market share.

They are Samsung's first flagship products to hit shelves since its mobile business suffered a 40 percent slump in earnings last year. It retained its position as the world's top selling smartphone maker last year, but was the only top-five smartphone maker to sell fewer phones. In the final quarter of 2014 it slipped marginally behind Apple in sales, according to Gartner, a market research firm.

Consumers and media were head over heels over Apple's new iPhones with bigger screens, while the plastic foundation of Samsung's Galaxy models was increasingly derided as looking cheap. In China, Samsung was unprepared for the sudden popularity of cheaper smartphones made by local manufacturer Xiaomi.

As part of its rethink, Samsung replaced executives in its mobile team while keeping the CEO and streamlined its various moving parts. So far the changes seem to be paying off.

Pre-launch reviews praised Samsung's decision to ditch a plastic body and replace it with glass and metal for the new phones. The company also seemed to finally heed persistent complaints that its phones are too complicated and it trimmed the dauntingly long list of apps that cluttered screens.

The Galaxy S6 is expected to set a sales record for the Galaxy series of phones, Lee Sang-chul, head of mobile marketing at Samsung, told reporters. Meeting demand for the Galaxy S6 Edge, which features a screen that curves halfway down the sides, will be difficult because of a limited supply of the curved screens, CEO Shin Jongkyun said.

Analysts said the Galaxy S6 and the \$6 Edge will help Samsung regain some of its lost ground in China, the world's largest smartphone market, but probably won't propel it back to No. 1 nor outshine Apple in the high-end market.

Xiaohan Tay, a senior market analyst at market research firm IDC, said the cachet of the iPhone is its key selling point over Samsung in China.

"Apple is seen as a premium and luxury brand by Chinese consumers, and they are willing to pay a premium price for the iPhone," Tay said. "There are even some less-wellto-do consumers who will save up and spend a few months of their salary just on an iPhone."

"Samsung does not have that brand image in the eyes of Chinese consumers yet," she said.

But Samsung appears confident that consumers will splurge.

In South Korea, the prices for the Galaxy S6 and the



Journalists hold a Samsung Electronics Co.'s Galaxy S6, left, and Galaxy S6 Edge, right, smartphones during its launch event at company's headquarter in Seoul, South Korea, Thursday, April 9, 2015. **Associated Press**

S6 Edge begin at \$791 and \$900, more expensive than their predecessors released in 2014. It plans to announce prices for China next week, when the phone will be launched there on April 17 but they are not expected to be much different.

Peter Yu, managing director at BNP Paribas Securities Korea Co., said price probably won't be a significant barrier in China. Mobile carriers will likely give generous subsidies to buyers of the S6 because there are few rival phone launches during Spring.

Yu thinks a fair number of people will switch to Samsuna's new phones, both from other Android phones and Apple's iPhones.

"In China, I don't think Apple's ecosystem is as strong as in the U.S.," he said. "They are customers less bound by Apple's ecosystem." Samsung was the largest smartphone seller in China when competition from local manufacturers was limited. That changed last year as Lenovo, Huawei and Xiaomi released cheaper alternatives to high-end phones while Apple gained share in the premium market.

research Market Canalys said Apple became the No. 1 smartphone maker in China in the fourth quarter followed by Xiaomi, putting Samsung at third.

YouTube to give viewers adfree option for monthly fee

LOS ANGELES (AP) — YOU-Tube will soon give viewers the option of paying a monthly fee to skip ads.

On Wednesday, the onletter to its most-popular content creators asking them to sign off on new contract terms to allow for the change.

It's not clear when the option will be offered or how much the fee will be.

A YouTube spokeswoman

declined to confirm specifics but said in a statement, "giving fans more choice to enjoy the content they love and creline video service sent a ators more opportunity to earn revenue are always amongst our top priori-

> The streaming video service owned by Google Inc. first offered pay channels in May 2013 and also launched a paid subscription, ad-free music service

called Music Key to select participants in November. The moves are all part of a strategy to diversify its revenues, although advertising remains its core. At a media conference in October, YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki said ad-free subscriptions represent an "interesting model" and that the service was exploring how to give its users options.



Elder care costs keep climbing; nursing home bill now \$91K

MATTHEW CRAFT AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The steep cost of caring for the elderly continues to climb. The median bill for a private room in a nursing home is now \$91,250 a year, according to an industry survey out Thursday. The annual "Cost of Care" report from Genworth Financial tracks the staggering rise in expenses for long-term care, a growing financial burden for families, governments and insurers like Genworth. The cost of staying in a nursing home has increased 4 percent every year over the last five years, the report says. Last year, the median bill was \$87,600.

"Most people don't realize how expensive this care can be until a parent or family member needs it," said Joe Caldwell, director of long-term services at the National Council on Aging. "And then it's a real shock."

The annual report from Genworth, which sells policies to cover long-term care, looks at costs for a variety of services, including adult daycare, and home health aides. And nursing home bills are rising at the fastest pace, twice the rate of U.S. inflation over the last five years.



- In this Feb. 28, 2013, file photo, Tina Reese leads a word game for residents at a nursing home in Lancaster, Pa.

Associated Press

One year in a nursing home now costs nearly as much as three years of tuition at a private college.

For its report, Genworth surveyed 15,000 nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other providers across the country in January and February. It found wide differences from state to state. In Oklahoma, for instance, the median cost for a year in a nursing home came out to \$60,225. In Connecticut, it was

\$158,775. Alaska had the highest costs by far, with one year at \$281,415.

So, who pays the nursinghome bill? "A lot of people believe Medicare will step in and cover them, but that's just not true," said Bruce Chernoff, president and CEO of The Scan Foundation, a charitable organization. Medicare will cover some short visits for recovery after a surgery, for instance, but not long-term Often enough, experts say senior citizens wind up spending their savings until they hit their last \$2,000, and at that point they can turn to Medicaid, the government's health insurance for the poor, to help cover the bill. As a result, Medicaid pays for more than half of the country's longterm care bill. That cost accounts for more than a quarter of Medicaid spending, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Genworth and other insurers offer long-term care policies to help people shoulder the financial burden. But people have to be healthy enough to qualify for coverage. Those who take out policies find their insurance bill rises steadily as they age.

Caldwell described Genworth's survey as essentially a marketing pitch. "Of course they want people to see how much it costs to sell long-term care insurance," he said. "What they're not telling you is that the long-term care coverage is becoming more and more unaffordable for middle-class families."

Mounting costs have also pushed many insurance companies out of the business. Four of the five largest providers have either scaled back their business or stopped offering new policies. The largest provider, Genworth, has struggled under the weight of old policies.

Less-intensive care remains much cheaper than stayina at a nursina home, according to Genworth's survey. One year in in an assisted-living facility runs \$43,200. A year of visits from an agency's home health aides runs \$45,760.□



In this April 2, 2015 photo, Daniel Marquardt from LaFayette, Ga., fills out an application during a huge 15-county job fair in Ringgold, Ga.

Associated Press

Applications for jobless aid rise but still at low level

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — More Americans sought unemployment benefits last week, but applications for jobless aid overall remain low — a reassuring sign after hiring slowed last month. Weekly applications rose 14,000 to a seasonally adjusted 281,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. The climb occurred after applications plummeted to match a 15-year low in the previous week.

Even with the increase, other data in the report demonstrated that few people are seeking benefits. Since

applications are a proxy ment's extended benefits for layoffs, that suggests companies are confident enough in the economy to keep their staffs and are cutting few jobs.

The four-week average of applications, a less volatile measure, fell 3,000 to 282,250.

That is the lowest level for The figures offered some the average since June

And the number of people receiving benefits fell to 2.3 million, the fewest in more than 14 years. That partly reflects the drop in layoffs and improving job market. But it also declined because the federal govern-

program, which added more weeks of jobless aid to the 26 weeks provided by most states, expired at the beginning of 2014.

As a result, fewer people are receiving aid because they have used up all the weeks available to them. hope that last month's sluggish hiring could be tempo-

government last week that employers added just 126,000 jobs in March, the fewest in 15 months and snapping a yearlong streak of monthly gains above 200,000.

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Same-Sex Sinners?



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The drama in Indiana last week and the larger debate over socalled religious freedom laws in other states portray homosexuality and devout Christianity as forces in fierce collision.

They're not - at least not in several prominent denominations, which have come to a new understanding of what the Bible does and doesn't decree, of what people can and cannot divine in regard to God's will. And homosexuality and Christi-

anity don't have to be in conflict in any church anywhere. That many Christians regard

them as incompatible is understandable, an example not so much of hatred's pull as of tradition's sway. Beliefs ossified over centuries aren't easily shaken.

But in the end, the continued view of gays, lesbians and bisexuals as sinners is a decision. It's a choice. It prioritizes scattered passages of ancient texts over all that has been learned since - as if time had stood still, as if the advances of science and knowledge meant noth-

It disregards the degree to which all writings reflect the biases and blind spots of their authors, cultures and eras.

It ignores the extent to which interpretation is subjective, debatable.

And it elevates unthinking obeisance above intelligent observance, above the evidence in front of you, because to look honestly at gay, lesbian and bisexual people is to see that we're the same magnificent riddles as everyone else: no more or less flawed, no more or less dianified.

Most parents of gay children realize this. So do most children of gay parents. It's a truth less ambiguous than any Scripture, less complicated than any creed. So our debate about religious freedom should include a conversation about freeing religions and religious people prejudices that they needn't cling to and can indeed jettison, much as they've jettisoned other aspects of their faith's history, rightly bowing to the enlightenments of modernity.

"Human understanding of what is sinful has changed over time," said David Gushee, an evangelical Christian who teaches Christian ethics at Mercer Uni-

versity. He openly challenges his faith's censure of same-sex relationships, to which he no longer subscribes.

For a very long time, he noted, "Many Christians thought slavery wasn't sinful, until we finally concluded that it was. People thought contraception was sinful when it began to be developed, and now very few Protestants and not that many Catholics would say that." They hold an evolved sense of right and wrong, even though, he added, "You could find scriptural support for the idea that all sex should be procreative." Christians have also moved far beyond Scripture when it comes to gender roles.

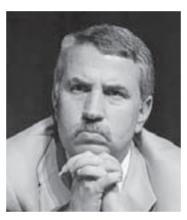
"In the United States, we have abandoned the idea that women are second-class, inferior and subordinate to men, but the Bible clearly teaches that," said Jimmy Creech, a former United Methodist pastor who was removed from ministry in the church after he performed a same-sex marriage ceremony in 1999. "We have said: That's a part of the culture and history of the Bible. That is not appropriate for us today." And we could say the same about the idea that men and women in loving same-sex relationships are doing something wrong. In fact the United Church of Christ, the Episcopal Church and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have said that. So have most American Catholics, in defiance of their church's teaching.

And it's a vital message because of something that Indiana demonstrated anew: Religion is going to be the final holdout and most stubborn refuge for homophobia. It will give license to discrimination. It will cause gay and lesbian teenagers in fundamentalist households to agonize needlessly: Am I broken? Am I damned?

"Conservative Christian religion is the last bulwark against full acceptance of LGBT people," Gushee said. Polls back him up. A majority of Americans support marriage equality, including a majority of Catholics and most Jews. But a 2014 survey by the Public Religion Research Institute showed that while 62 percent of white mainline Protestants favor same-sex marriages, only 38 percent of black Protestants, 35 percent of Hispanic Protestants and 28 percent of white evangelical Protestants do. And as I've written before, these evangelical Protestants wield considerable power in the Republican primaries, thus speaking in a loud voice on the political stage. It's no accident that none of the most prominent Republicans believed to be contending for the presidency favor samesex marriage and that none of them joined the broad chorus of outrage over Indiana's discriminatory religious freedom law. They had the lowa caucuses and the South Carolina primary to worry about.



The Obama Doctrine and Iran



Thomas L. Friedman © 2015 New York Times News Service

What Is the 'Obama Doctrine'? In September 1996, I visited Iran. One of my most enduring memories of that trip was that in my hotel lobby there was a sign above the door proclaiming "Down With USA." But it wasn't a banner or graffiti. It was tiled and plastered into the wall. I thought to myself: "Wow - that's tiled in there! That won't come out easily."

Nearly 20 years later, in the wake of a draft deal between the Obama administration and Iran, we have what may be the best chance to begin to pry that sign loose, to ease the U.S.-Iran cold-hot war that has roiled the region for 36 years. But it is a chance fraught with real risks to America, Israel and our Sunni Arab allies: that Iran could eventually become a nuclear-armed state.

President Barack Obama invited me to the Oval Office Saturday afternoon to lay out exactly how he was trying to balance these risks and opportunities in the framework accord reached with Iran last week in Switzerland. What struck me most was what I'd call an "Obama doctrine" embedded in the president's remarks. It emerged when I asked if there was a common denominator to his decisions to break free from longstanding U.S. policies isolating Myanmar, Cuba and

Obama said his view was that "engagement," combined with meeting core strategic needs, could serve U.S. interests visà-vis these three countries far better than endless sanctions and isolation. He added that America, with its overwhelming power, needs to have the self-confidence to take some calculated risks to open important new possibilities - like trying to forge a diplomatic deal with Iran that, while permitting it to keep some of its nuclear infrastructure, forestalls its ability to build a nuclear bomb for at least a decade, if not longer.

"We are powerful enough to be able to test these propositions without putting ourselves at risk. And that's the thing ... people don't seem to understand," the president said. "You take a country like Cuba. For us to test the possibility that engagement leads to a better outcome for the Cuban people, there aren't that many risks for us. It's a tiny little country. It's not one that threatens our core security interests, and so (there's no reason not) to test the proposition. And if it turns out that it doesn't lead to better outcomes, we can adjust our policies. The same is true with respect to Iran, a larger country, a dangerous country, one that has engaged in activities that resulted in the death of U.S. citizens, but the truth of the matter is: Iran's defense budget is \$30 billion. Our defense budaet is closer to \$600 billion. Iran understands that they cannot fight us. ... You asked about an Obama doctrine The doctrine is: We will engage, but we preserve all our capabilities."

The notion that Iran is undeterrable - "it's simply not the case," he added. "And so for us to say, 'Let's try' - understanding that we're preserving all our options, that we're not naïve - but if in fact we can resolve these issues diplomatically, we are more likely to be

safe, more likely to be secure, in a better position to protect our allies, and who knows? Iran may change. If it doesn't, our deterrence capabilities, our military superiority stays in place. ... We're not relinquishing our capacity to defend ourselves or our allies. In that situation, why wouldn't we test it?" Obviously, Israel is in a different situation, he added. "Now, what you might hear from Prime Minister (Benjamin) Netanyahu, which I respect, is the notion, 'Look, Israel is more vulnerable. We don't have the luxury of testing these propositions the way you do,' and I completely understand that. And further, I completely understand Israel's belief that given the tragic history of the Jewish people, they can't be dependent solely on us for their own security. But what I would say to them is that not only am I absolutely committed to making sure that they maintain their qualitative military edge, and that they can deter any potential future attacks, but what I'm willing to do is to make the kinds of commitments that would give everybody in the neighborhood, including Iran, a clarity that if Israel were to be attacked by any state, that we would stand by them. And that, I think, should be ... sufficient to take advantage of this oncein-a-lifetime opportunity to see whether or not we can at least take the been as vigorous as any in maintaining Israel's strategic edge.

With huge amounts of conservative campaign money now ing pro-Israel views, which party is more supportive of Israel is becoming a wedge issue, an arms race, with Republican candidates competing over who can be the most unreservedly supportive of Israel in any disagreement with the United States, and ordinary, pro-Israel Democrats increasingly feeling

sidelined.

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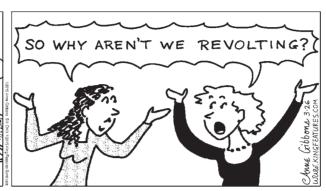






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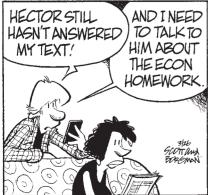
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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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U.S. airports

Classifieds

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San Francisco had the most, with 37. The others were in Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, San Jose, Miami and Tampa, Florida.

 Few airports revealed how long it took to apprehend suspects, saying this detail could show security vulnerabilities. Available information showed most arrests happened within 10 minutes. Several people went undetected for hours or never were caught.

At a news conference called Thursday in response to AP's findings, the San Francisco airport spokesman said his facility had the most breaches because it disclosed everything, whether the breach was intentional or accidental. Spokesman Doug Yakel said the airport has beefed up security and that while its airfield is safe, "The goal is always zero" breaches.

Officials insist that no technology solution is foolproof. Outfit cameras with software designed to help identify intruders, and there may not be enough staff to monitor images. Airports have to weigh the potential threat of harm against the hefty cost of building elaborate defenses, experts said.

"It's one of those issues that I think until something really bad happens, not much is going to change," Price said.

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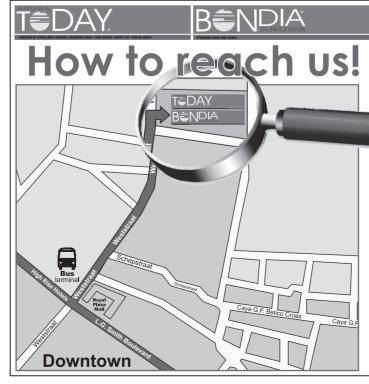




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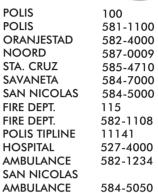


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Scientists seek source of giant methane mass over Southwest

By COLLEEN SLEVIN Associated Press

DENVER (AP) -- Scientists are working to pinpoint the source of a giant mass of methane hanging over the southwestern U.S., which a study found to be the country's largest concentration of the greenhouse gas.

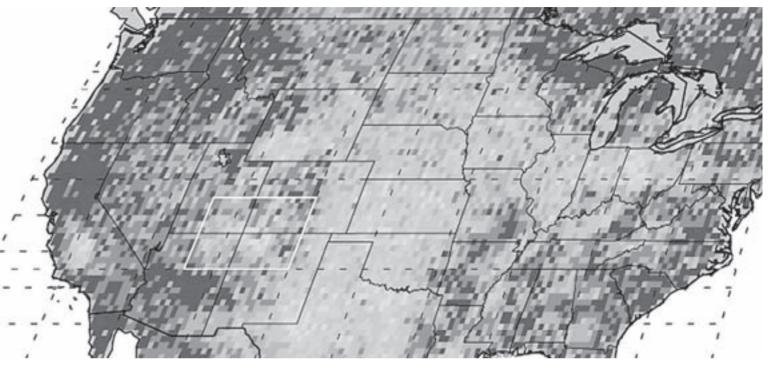
The report that revealed the methane hot spot over the Four Corners region - where Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Arizona meet - was released last year. Now, scientists from the University of Colorado, the University of Michigan, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and NASA are conducting a monthlong study to figure out exactly where it came from.

The answer could help reduce methane emissions that contribute to global warming. Here are some key things to know:

HOT SPOT

Last year's study by NASA and the University of Michigan was based on images from a European satellite captured between 2003 and 2009. They showed the methane hot spot as a red blip over the area, which is about half the size of Connecticut.

The study found the concentration of methane detected there would trap more heat in the atmosphere than all the carbon dioxide produced each



This undated handout image provided by NASA/JPL-Caltech/University of Michigan, shows The Four Corners area, , left, is the major U.S. hot spot for methane emissions in this map showing how much emissions varied from average background concentrations from 2003-2009 (dark colors are lower than average; lighter colors are higher.

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year in Sweden.

Methane doesn't last as long in the atmosphere as carbon dioxide, but it's far more potent for capturing heat in the short term.

POSSIBLE SOURCES

Methane occurs naturally and also is emitted by land-fills and the agricultural and oil and natural gas industries. One possible source of the hot spot is methane released from the region's coal deposits.

The releases can happen naturally, especially where coal seams reach the earth's surface. They also occur deliberately when energy companies extract methane - the primary component of natural gas - from coal beds.

The region is home to the San Juan Basin, North America's most productive area coal bed methane extraction area.

Methane also is released by coal mining and oil and gas drilling systems, and cattle produce large amounts of the gas. Scientists can pinpoint the kind of methane created by fossil fuels by looking for the presence of associated hydrocarbons. HEALTH EFFECTS

The methane emissions pose no direct safety or health risks for Four Corners

residents, although the hot spot does factor into overall global warming.

Also, methane emitted from traditional oil and gas operations usually is accompanied by hydrocarbon emissions that can create ozone, a pollutant that leads to smog and is linked to asthma and respiratory illness.

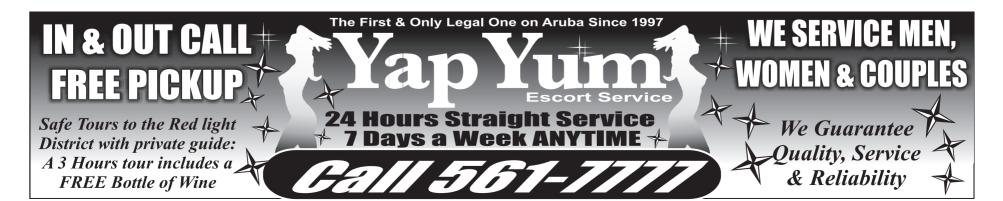
INVESTIGATING THE MYSTERY

For the next month, scientists based in Durango will fly in planes with a variety of instruments that can sense methane in the San Juan Basin. Crews in vans will follow up on their leads

on the ground.

The European satellite that captured the hot spot is no longer in use, but Japan's GOSAT satellite plans to focus in on the Four Corners when it passes over the area.

It's possible methane levels over the Four Corners have changed since 2009, said Gabrielle Petron, a scientist at the University of Colorado's Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences who is working on the latest study. Coal bed methane operations have declined since then, but oil production has increased.









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Mick Jagger to other bands: Make every show count

MESFIN FEKADU AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The only goal The Rolling Stones have left in their career is to rock on till the wheels fall off.

"The only goal left is to see how far we can run the string," Keith Richards, 71, said, laughing, in an interview Wednesday. "The band feels great about playing. I mean, you couldn't get these guys to do anything if they didn't wanna. It's what we do, so we're just hoping for a great summer."

The Stones — who've played together for more than 50 years — will kick off a 15-city stadium tour of North America on May 24 at Petco Park in San Diego, California.

Mick Jagger, in a separate interview, said the advice he would give other bands who want to play as long as the Stones is to make every show count.

"Every night the audience is like a challenge for me. Every time you go out there it's different. You think it's the same show, but it's a different show, different place, different audience," said Jagger, 71. "For a younger band, you got to bring a sense of uniqueness to every show you do and you got to sort of try somehow to forgot — even though it appears to everyone it's the same show — but to yourself it's always got something different and special about it."

Life on the road isn't for everyone, Jagger said: "I'm not sure if all young bands want to stay on the road as long as we have," he said with a laugh. "Maybe they'll want to do something else."

The band, which includes Charlie Watts and Ronnie Wood, played arenas instead of stadiums for their "50 & Counting" tour in 2012 and 2013. On the Zip Code tour, they will visit AT&T Stadium in Dallas; the LP Field in Nashville, Tennessee; and Comerica Park in Detroit, among oth-

The tour also celebrates the June 9 re-release of the Stones' seminal 1971 album, "Sticky Fingers." It features songs like "Brown Sugar," ''Wild Horses" and "Moonlight Mile."

"Mick and I have been talking, 'Maybe we just

er. But I have to do, you know, dance work outs and prep for my dance and prep for the vocals," Jagger said. "You're pushing yourself to a limit, but a containable limit because you don't want to screw up and you don't want to

pleted a solo album that is in "bed and ready to wake up I think later on this year." Jagger has also worked on new music.

"I been writing this week ... I've written a lot of new songs lately, but we haven't recorded them



In this June 4, 2014, file photo, Rolling Stones singer Mick Jagger, performs with Keith Richards, second left, Ronnie Wood, left, and drummer Charlie Watts during a concert in Hayrkon Park in Tel Aviv, Israel.

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er cities.

"Stadiums, I love them, especially when the weather's on our side, when God joins the band," Richards said. "It's really nice to play indoors and auditoriums with a controlled environment, but at the same time, it's a different feeling playing outside, especially stadiums ... It's a looser feeling.

Pre-sale tickets went on sale Wednesday and general tickets start Monday. sort of go up there and play the whole album," Richards recalled. "But I don't know if it will come to that." "There are a lot of ballads on the album so maybe I'll mix up those," Jagger said. "Most of the fast tunes on the album we do quite often, so some of the slow ones we don't." They will start rehearsals in early May, Jagger said. "Physically there's quite a lot of workouts and getting

your fitness level a bit high-

get injured, so you try to get as fit as possible." Jagger said he listens to

a number of genres when dancing, from reggae to blues to rock and electronic dance acts like David Guetta and Calvin Harris. "Yeah, I listen to that stuff," he said of the international DJs. "And trap (music) and stuff. I put everything on. When I do the dance workouts, I just do a mixture of everything."

Richards said he's com-

yet," he said, adding that the songs are about "just life in general, different subjects, personal things, social things."

The last stop on the Stones'
Zip Code tour is July 15
at the Festival d'ete de
Quebec in Quebec City,
Canada. But Richards said
more dates may follow.

"I hear South America is on the cards somewhere around October, November, so we ain't stopping yet," he said.



Eddie Murphy to receive top U.S. humor prize

BRETT ZONGKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eddie Murphy, famous for his standup routines, films and his early breakout on television's "Saturday Night Live," will be awarded the top U.S. prize for humor this year by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, officials said Thursday.

Murphy, 54, will receive the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor on Oct. 18. The humor prize honors those who influence society in the tradition of Samuel Clemens, the writer, satirist and social commentator better known as Mark Twain.

Through his work, Murphy "has shown that like Mark Twain, he was years ahead of his time," said Kennedy Center President Deborah Rutter.

In a written statement, Murphy said he was deeply honored by the recognition and to join the list of past recipients of the Twain Prize. Past honorees include Jay Leno, Carol Burnett, Tina Fey and



In this Nov. 3, 2012 file photo, Eddie Murphy addresses speaks at the close of "Eddie Murphy: One Night Only," a celebration of Murphy's career at the Saban Theater in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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Whoopi Goldberg.

Murphy has had a "consistently brilliant comedic career" in many different aspects of comedy, said Cappy McGarr, one of the humor prize show's executive producers.

"He is truly a transformative comedian and humorist," McGarr said. "Like Mark Twain, he talks about provocative issues and he is really, really funny while doing it.

Murphy's films have been among the highest-grossing comedies, including "48 Hours," ''Trading Places," ''Dr. Dolittle" and "Coming to America."

Murphy got his break in comedy in 1980 when he joined the cast of "Saturday Night Live." He went on to become one of the film industry's top box office performers as an actor. The Kennedy Center said Murphy is the most commercially successful African-American actor in film history. The entertainer has insisted he is retired now and only makes rare appearances.

Kardashian family visit draws attention to Armenia



Kim Kardashian, left and sister Khloe Kardashian along with a family member walk in Victory Park while filming in Yerevan, Armenia, Thursday, April 9, 2015. Associated Press

YEREVAN, Armenia (AP)

— The Kardashian contingent's visit to Armenia is causing a commotion, but officials are pleased they came.

Kim Kardashian, husband Kanye West, daughter North and sister Khloe are in the Kardashian ancestral homeland on a high-visibility visit ahead of this month's observing of the centennial of the mass killing of Armenians by Ottoman Turks.

Hundreds of celebrity-besotted fans gathered outside the Kardashians' hotel and followed the group through the capital Yerevan on Thursday.

"Kim Kardashian is a lady who's known worldwide. We should be happy she came here," said parliament speaker Galust Saakian.

Historians estimate up to 1.5 million Armenians were killed around the time of World War I. Turkey denies the deaths constituted genocide, saying the toll is inflated and that those killed were victims of civil war and unrest.

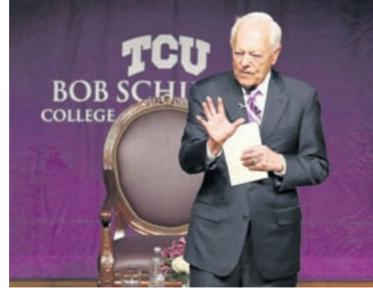
Veteran CBS newsman Bob Schieffer to retire this summer

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS says veteran newsman Bob Schieffer is retiring this year.

In a memo to staff Wednesday, CBS News President David Rhodes said that the chief Washington correspondent and anchor of "Face the Nation" will retire this summer.

Rhodes said that the 78-year-old Schieffer made the announcement Wednesday night in Fort Worth, Texas, at TCU's Schieffer College of Communication. Scheiffer graduated from the school and started his career in Texas, at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

He joined CBS in 1969 and has been chief Washington correspondent since 1982 and host of "Face



Bob Schieffer opens the Schieffer Symposium on the News at TCU on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, in Fort Worth, Texas. CBS says veteran newsman Schieffer is retiring this year. Associated Press

the Nation" since 1991. In his memo, CBS News head Rhodes called Schieffer an inspiration and mentor for many of his colleagues.

Plans for "Face the Nation" and for the Washington bureau will be reported soon, Rhodes said.

'Empire' star Taraji P. Henson working on memoir



In this July 15, 2011 file photo, singer Chris Brown performs on NBC's Today Show in New York. Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Her immediate plans are to host "Saturday Night Live" this weekend. But Taraji P. Henson also has a memoir in her future.

The Oscar-nominated actress, who stars as Cookie Lyon in the Fox series "Empire," has a deal with the Simon & Schuster imprint 37 lnk. The publisher told The Associated Press on Thursday that the book is currently untitled with

a planned mid-2016 release.

Henson, 44, will write about her childhood in a rough Washington, DC neighborhood, being a single parent and her film and TV roles. She also appeared in the films "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button," "Hustle & Flow" and "Baby Boy" and was an Emmy nominee for the TV movie "Taken from Me: The Tiffany Rubin Story."





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